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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$5,000,000
INSTALLMENT RECEIVED ON NEW SHARES.....\$92,765.62
RESERVE FUND.....\$2,500,000
INSTALLMENT OF PREMIUMS received on NEW SHARES.....\$69,336.43
\$3,198,363.43

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman—W.M. REINHOLD, Esq.
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HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
For Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
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Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
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T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager,
Office of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, August 25, 1883. 48

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.
THE Undersigned begs to give Notice that he has SOLD the STOCK-IN-TRADE and GOODWILL of the BUSINESS of the late JOHN NOBLE to Messrs. C. J. GAUPP & CO.
JOHN S. COX,
Administrator to the Estate of the late JOHN NOBLE.

WITH Reference to the above, we beg to Notify that we have PURCHASED the BUSINESS of the late JOHN NOBLE, which will be carried on in the present Premises and under the same Style as heretofore, and having now the largest and best Assorted Stock of WATCHES and JEWELLERY in the Colony, we trust to receive the Continuance of the Patronage bestowed upon our Predecessor.
CHAS. J. GAUPP & CO.,
Hongkong, November 19, 1883. 944

Intimations.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
A Second and Final BONUS of Five £10 Sterling per Share on the 20,000 SHARES, NEW ISSUE OF THIS CORPORATION, will fall due on the 31st DECEMBER CURRENT, in London, Calcutta, Bombay, Shanghai and TWENTY-NINE CENTS per Share for the year 1882, will be payable on MONDAY, the 22nd Instant.
WARRANTS may be had on application at the OFFICE of the Society on and after that date.
By Order of the Board,
DOUGLAS JONES,
Acting Secretary,
Hongkong, October 22, 1883. 707

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
In Accordance with Section 120 of the Articles of Association, the General Agents, with Approval of the Consulting Committee, will on 1st JANUARY, 1884, issue INTEREST WARRANTS of 85 per Share, Payable at the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK, the same being at the Rate of 10% per annum, the Paid-up Capital of the Office for the year 1883, and Notice is hereby given that in view of the fact that the same may be adjusted the Transfer BOOKS of the Office will be CLOSED from the 18th to that instant, both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Agents,
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.
Hongkong, December 12, 1883. 1114

Intimations.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 179.

CHINA SEA.

CHEFOO DISTRICT.

SOUTH-EAST SHIANTUNG PROMONTORY LIGHTHOUSE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the LIGHTHOUSE on the SOUTH-EAST SHIANTUNG PROMONTORY was exhibited for the first time at sunset on the 28th ultimo.

The illuminating apparatus is of the First Order, showing White flashes at half minute intervals.

The Lighthouse stands on the south-eastern elbow of the island known as the South-east Promontory, and the Light, which is elevated 60 feet above the level of the sea, should be visible in clear weather at a distance of 15 nautical miles.

The tower is round, of iron, 50 feet high, with a total height from its base to the lantern vase of 7½ feet.

The tower is painted in red and white horizontal bands, the keepers' dwellings and the boundary wall are white.

Approximate position—
Latitude 30° 54' 00" N.
Longitude 122° 01' 45" E.

FOR SIGNAL.
A First-class Siren, giving a blast of about 4 seconds, duration at intervals of 1½ minutes, will be sounded during thick or foggy weather.

CAUTION.
Regarding the island which forms the Southeast Promontory, the China Sea Directory, Vol. III., 1874, p. 463, states that—"Extensive reefs, some detached, border the whole shore, which is of the most dangerous character and should not be passed at less than a mile, except off the western bluff, nor in less than 9 fathoms water."

By Order of the Inspector-General of Customs,
A. M. DISBEE,
Coast Inspector.

Imperial Maritime Customs,
Coast Inspector's Office,
Shanghai, 5th December, 1883. 1127

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 180.

CHINA SEA.

FOG SIGNALS AT FISHER ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE AND OTHER STATIONS.

NOTICE is hereby given that on and after the 1st January, 1884, the Fog SIGNAL at FISHER ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE, which at present is two guns with an interval of ten minutes between them, will be two guns with an interval of five minutes between them, and that when the Signal has been repeated a space of ten minutes will be allowed to elapse between the last gun of one signal and the first gun of the next.

It is also notified that when there is occasion to repeat the Fog Gun Signal at the following Stations (at which no interval between signals has hitherto been established) the time between the last gun of one signal and the first gun of the next will be as shown below, on and after the 1st January, 1884.

Name of Light Station. Interval between Signals.
Lamocka Lighthouse. 12 minutes.
Chapel Island 10
Ockeeu 12
Turnabout 10
Middle dog 15
West Volcano 10
Gutzlaff 15
North Saddle 10
Shawishan 15
N.E. Shantung Pro-montory Lighthouse. 10
Choofo 8
NOTE.

The Fog Gun SIGNALS for all the LIGHTS at which they have been established are described in the printed List of the Chinese Light-houses, Light-vessels, Buoys and Beacons. This List is published each year with corrections to the 30th November of the preceding year, and may be bought of Messrs. KELLY & WALSH in Hongkong, Shanghai and Yokohama.

By Order of the Inspector-General of Customs,
A. M. DISBEE,
Coast Inspector.

Imperial Maritime Customs,
Coast Inspector's Office,
Shanghai, 7th December, 1883. 1128

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Agents,
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.
Hongkong, December 12, 1883. 1114

For Sale.

CHRISTMAS 1883.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HAVE RECEIVED AND HAVE NOW ON VIEW A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF

CHRISTMAS DELICACIES.

ARTICLES SUITABLE FOR PRESENTS

AND FANCY GOODS,

Comprising—

Real Turtle Soup.
Salmon Cutlets.
Kippered Salmon.
Herrings à la Sardines.
Sardines au Citron.

Herring in White Wine.
Mackerel in White Wine.
French Truffles.
Assorted English Patties.
Pâté de Foie Gras.

Truffled Chickens in Jelly.
French Smoked Larks.
Assorted French Patties.
Asparagus.
Petits Pois.

Champignons.
Pudding and Sultana Raisins.
Pâté for Mincedmeats.
Christmas Hams.
Christmas Cakes.

Plum puddings.
Ripe Stilton Cheese.
Gruyère Cheese.
Gorgonzola Cheese.

Double Gloucester Cheese.
French Plums.
Fruits in Noyau and Brandy.
Crystallized Fruits.
Elva's Plums.

Muscatel Raisins.
Barbecues and Brazil Nuts.
Best French Confidencery.
Bonbons and Dragees.
Bonbons for Christmas Trees.

French Chocolates.
Newest Confectionary and Crackers.
French and English Toys.
Electric Toys.

French English Dolls.
Out-door Games.
Christmas and New Year Cards.

Hongkong, December 3, 1883.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day ESTABLISHED myself in this Colony as a SHARE and GENERAL BROKER.

HECTOR SAMPSON.
Hongkong, December 10, 1883. 1102

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

AGENCE DE HONGKONG.

FROM this date and during my Absence from the Colony, the Agency will be conducted by Mr. I. MARTIN.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, December 14, 1883. 1124

To Let.

GODOWN STOLET.

PRAYA EAST and WANCHAI ROAD.

For Particulars, apply to SIEMSEN & CO.

Hongkong, April 26, 1882. 767

To Let.

THE PREMISES

now occupied by us, No. 11, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

For further Particulars apply to MESSRS.

RUSSELL & CO.

GEO. R. STEVENS & CO.

Hongkong, August 1, 1883. 226

TO LET.

THE PREMISES now occupied by us, No. 11, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

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RUSSELL & CO.

Hongkong, August 1, 1883. 226

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Hongkong, August 1, 1883. 226

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For Sale.

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RAKKE COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 6 lb
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Soda BISCUITS.
Assorted BISCUITS.

Small HOMINY.
Cracked WHEAT.
OATMEAL.
CORNMEAL.

TOPCAN BUTTER.
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Prime HAMS and BACON.
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Family BEEF in 25 lb tins.
Beau Ideal SALMON in 6 lb cans.
Cutting's Dessert FRUITS in 25 lb cans.
Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.
Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage
MEAT.
Stuffed PEPPERS.
Assorted SOUPS.
Richardson & Robbin's Celebrated Potted
MEATS.

Lunch HAM.
Lamb's TONGUES.
Clam CHOWDER.
Fresh OREGON SALMON.
Dried APPLES.
TOMATOES.
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Maple SYRUP.
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LOBSTERS.
OYSTERS.
HONEY.
Assorted JELLIES.
Green CORN.

FAIRBANKS' SCALES.
400 lb. Capacity.
600 lb.
900 lb.
1,200 lb.

CORN BROOMS.
OFFICE HIGH CHAIRS.
AXES and HATCHETS.
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CHRISTMAS CAKES.
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Crystallized FRUITS.
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Pudding RAISINS.
Lancet CURRANTS.

Fine YORK HAMS.
PICNIC TONGUES.
FATE DE FOIE GRAS.
SAVORY PATES.

FRENCH PLUMS.
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INFANTS' FOOD.
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HITCHCOCK HOUSE LAMP.
PERFECTION STUDENT LAMP.

CLARETS—
CHATEAU MARGAUX.
CHATEAU LA TOUR, pints & quarts.
1828 GRAVES.
BREAKFAST CLARET, "

SHERRIES & PORT—
SAUCONY'S MANZANILLA & AMON-
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SAUCONY'S OLD INVALID PORT
(1848).
HUNY'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.—
1 and 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.
BISQUIT DUCOURT & Co.'s BRANDY.
FINEST OLD BOURBON WHISKY.
KINAHAN'S WHISKY.
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BOORD'S OLD TOM.
H. & J. BURKE'S IRISH WHISKY.

ROSE'S LIME JUICE CORDIAL.
NOULLY PRAT & Co.'s VERNOUTH.
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BITTERS,
&c.,
&c.,

BASS'S ALE; bottled by CAMERON and
SAUNDERS, pints and quarts.
GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &
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DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the
Gallon.

ALE and PORTER, in hogsheads.

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Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in
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NAPLES, MARSEILLES, AND PORTS
OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;
ALSO

WEDNESDAY EVENING,
the 10th December, 1883.

THE LOFTUS TROUPE
WILL PRESENT

THE CELEBRATED ADELPHIA SUCCESS

"FRITZ,"

OUR COUSIN GERMAN.

As performed with great success by THE
LOFTUS TROUPE in the Principal Cities
of India, Africa, and Australia.

Fritz (a German
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Colonel CRAFTON... C. J. Barber.
Lawyer GRIM... Bartley O'Brien.
JOSTLE (a Bowery Boy) F. W. Oakland.
SQUASHER (a Negro
Boothblack)... J. W. Allen.
JUDGE (American
Court)... J. L. Evans.
CLERK OF THE COURT F. W. Oakland.
SCHNEIDER (Fritz's
Son)... Miss Dolly Loftus.
LOUISE (afterwards
Lond.)... Florence Concliffe.
MARY (a Quadroon)... Mimie Nord.
MISS CHAPTON... Myra Sydneys.
KATERINA... Victoria Loftus.

Talbot 1. For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.

G. de CHAMPEAUX,
Agenc.

Hongkong, December 6, 1883. 1070

INSURANCES.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG,
COLOMBO, ADEN, MARSEILLES,
MALTA, GIBRALTAR,
BRINDISI, TRIESTE, VENICE,
PLYMOUTH AND LONDON;

ALSO,
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND
AUSTRALIA.

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If required, protection will be granted on
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-
posals or any other information, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1883. 100

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF
His Majesty King George The First,
A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Corporation are
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:

Marine Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872. 496

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents of the above
Company, are authorized to Insure
against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1883. 14

Mr. Andrew Wind,

NEWS AGENT, &c.
133, NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK;

is authorized to receive Subscriptions,
Advertisements, &c., for the China Mail,
Overland China Mail, and China Review.

Hongkong, December 13, 1883. 1120

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS. DEC. 17, 1883.

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid up.	Reserve.	Working Account.	Last Divid.	Divid.	Outstanding Quotations.	Cash.
BANKS.									
H.K. & Shat.	60,000	\$ 125	\$ 125	\$ 3,198,336	\$ 32,500.62	\$ 2	182%	\$ 3522	
Bank.									
INSURANCES.									
N.C. China Ins.	1,000	TL 2,000	TL 600	TL 400,000	TL 230,464.37	TL 75	TL 1,250	p. sh.	
Yangtze Ins.	1,200	TL 350	TL 350	538,225	3,052.76	18%	TL 1,000	"	
Union Ins. Soc.	2,000	TL 120	TL 120	500,000	576,391.00	\$ 20	80	\$ 820	"
China Traders'	24,000	\$ 33.33	\$ 25	600,000	\$ 107,411.65	22%	\$ 71	"	
C'ton Ins. Office	10,000	\$ 250	\$ 50	600,000	\$ 56,127.77	10%	\$ 112	"	
Chinese Ins. Co.	1,500	TL 1,000	TL 200	100,000	\$ 307.18	3%	\$ 200	"	
H.K. Fire Ins.	8,000	TL 250	TL 50	861,000	TL 250,732.56	\$ 30	\$ 360	"	
China Fire Ins.	20,000	\$ 100	\$ 20	500,000	\$ 105,365.49	\$ 3,600	\$ 73	"	
STEAM COMPANIES.									
H.K. C. & M.									
Steamboat...	8,000	\$ 100	\$ 75	200,000	\$ 41,320.95	6%	\$ 124	"	
Indo-China S.									
Nav. Co.	120,000	£ 10	£ 10	Debit		25% dis.			
China & Manchuria S. S. Coy.	1,500	\$ 100	\$ 100						
HK. & Wharf.	3,500	\$ 100	\$ 100						
MISCELLANEOUS.									
H.K. & Wharf.	10,000	\$ 125	\$ 125	\$ 18,000	\$ 3,000	4%	67%	prima-	
Gas Co.	5,000	TL 10	TL 10	TL 75,14,82	TL 144,18,0	...	\$ 104		
Hongkong Hotel.	2,000	TL 100	TL 100	30,000	\$ 3	\$ 150	"		
Luzon Sugar Co.	9,000	TL 100	TL 100	5,695,56	\$ 834	"			
Hongkong Ice Co.	1,250	TL 100	TL 100	15,250	\$ 687.06	\$ 12	\$ 155	"	
Perak Tin Min- ing & Smelting Company.....	3,000	\$ 50	\$ 50	4,000	\$ 253.45	\$ 5	\$ 82	"	
Loans.									
Chi. Imp.	1874	TL 2,726	TL 100	TL 100	TL 100	TL 100	TL 100	TL 100	
	1877	16,040	TL 2	TL 2	TL 2	TL 2	TL 2	TL 2	
	1878	3,839	TL 500	TL 500	TL 500	TL 500	TL 500	TL 500	
	1881	8,565	TL 500	TL 500	TL 500	TL 500	TL 500	TL 500	
Debt.									
Debtors.	1880	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	8%	June & Dec.	2% prem.	
Interest.									
	June 30 Dec 31								
	Dec 28 Jan 31								
	April & Oct								
	Jan 16 Dec & Dec 10								

The French have, we believe, acted wisely in directing their first offensive movements against Sontai, considering the small force now at the disposal of Admiral Courbet. It is a far easier task to crack, and a brilliant victory at Sontai would do much to dishearten the Chinese troops at Bacchim, and perhaps render the Chinese Government more amenable to French demands, whereby further fighting might be averted. Before the French commander-in-chief need turn his attention to Bacchin he will also have received further heavy reinforcements. If the Adjudic displays a reasonable amount of promptness in his attack upon Sontai, we do not apprehend that the five companies he has left to protect Hanoi will be in any danger through advance of the Chinese at Bacchin upon the place. He should have time to achieve victory at Sontai and to have part of his troops back at Hanoi before a Chinese force could be marched up from Bacchin; all circumstances considered, although it must be admitted he would hardly dare venture on his present movement had he a European force controlling his movements on his flanks at Bacchin. In directing his march upon Sontai Admiral Courbet also avoids giving China her asserted *causa belli*.

TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, December 14.
The million are threatening Sustak. Pasha will take the command of an expedition fitting out, consisting of 8,000 Egyptian troops.

LONDON, 15th December.
Parliament is summoned to meet for the despatch of business on Tuesday, the 5th February, 1884.

The Governor of Dongola telegraphs to Cairo that Hicks Pasha is safe.

PARIS, 15th December.
Three thousand additional reinforcements are ordered to Tonquin under General Millet.

M. Ferry, the French Premier, has asked the Chambers for a supplementary credit of twenty millions for Tonquin.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The next FRENCH MAIL, per the M. M. steamer *Ava*, passed Capo St. James on the 14th instant, at 4.30 a.m., and may be expected to arrive here on or about to-morrow morning, the 18th instant.

The next ENGLISH MAIL, per the P. & O. steamer *Hudsepe*, left Singapore on Friday, the 14th Dec., at 6 p.m., and may be expected to arrive here on or about Friday, the 21st instant.

The next AMERICAN MAIL, by the City of *Peking*, left Yokohama on Saturday, the 16th instant, at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 21st instant.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Jason* left Singapore on the 12th instant; due here on or about to-morrow.

The D. R. S. S. *Hope* left Singapore on the 12th instant; due here on or about the 19th instant.

The Austro-Hungarian Lloyd's steamer *Orius* left Singapore on the 14th instant; due here on or about the 21st instant.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Ulysses* left Singapore on the 14th inst.; due here on or about the 21st instant.

The British barque *Walls Castle* will load timber in the ports of Tayabas and Leguan for Hongkong.

H. B. M.'s gunboat *Fly*, Commander Hope, arrived at Manila on the 12th instant, from Boroco and Paragua.

The S. S. *Tarantula* went to Cosmopolitan Dock to-day, and the *Annetta* goes to Kowloon Dock to-morrow.

We have to acknowledge the receipt of the calendar and almanac issued by the Royal Insurance Company from Messrs. Molchers & Company, the Agents.

The Japanese Government have set the good example of remitting 10,000 francs for the relief of the sufferers by the catastrophe at Ichin.

His Excellency the Governor will present the prizes to the successful scholars attending the Hongkong Public School at St. Paul's College at 11 o'clock next Saturday forenoon.

A DRUNKEN sailor lost his medal for the Perak war a night or two ago. Lukong No. 310 managed to get hold of it, from the coolie who "annexed" it, and the case will be heard on the 19th instant.

Owing to the Regatta on Saturday, which interfered considerably with the ordinary work of the office, one or two obvious printer's errors in Father Berthou's letter passed unnoticed.

This notice of trawny between Tondo and S. Gabriel in Manila was officially inaugurated on Saturday, the 8th instant, and the time tables, &c., in connection with the enterprise, was published in the *Gazeta* of the 12th instant.

The Chinese at Canton are, we hear, busy taking the heavy gun out of one of the alphabetical gunboats, and mounting it in the Bogue Forts. A formidable Krupp gun replaces the monster cannon in the gunboat.

We hear that Messrs. T. Glass and F. Grimes have arranged a sculling match, but have not yet decided the date on which it will take place. The sculling race on Friday was altogether unsatisfactory, and we are glad to hear that another opportunity will be given of judging the merits of these two rowers.

The American ship *Ska Witch*, on leaving Manila for New York on the 4th instant, had the misfortune to take the ground off the Coast of Lombok. For some time no assistance was rendered her, but laterly the *Romulus* was sent out, and, after some hard work, succeeded in extricating her from the perilous position in which she stood, and placed her in safe anchorage. The *Ska Witch* had on board at the time 500,000 kilogrammes of sugar, and 913,591 kilogrammes of hemp.

The British steamer *Island*, which was stranded on the Panagatua Reef on the night of the 31st October last, has arrived at Manila from Iloilo. The work of removing her from the reef was undertaken by Sres. D. Antonio Hidalgo and Birchall Robinson & Co., and for this purpose the steamers *Roma*, *Levant*, *Servante* and *Ordo* were engaged. After all the water had been pumped out of her, Mr Sandi, the engineer of the *Levant*, examined the engines and found they could be set in motion. This he succeeded in doing, and the *Island* was taken off the reef by the motive power supplied by her own engines. As she came off the reef, the other vessels saluted her. The *Island* was 30 days under water.

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Mr. Goggin's name completes the contents of the number. The work is one which ought to succeed.

For further particulars regarding the publication we would refer our readers to an advertisement in another column.

We are glad to be able to announce that the energetic action of Captain S. Goggin, the gallant and obliging master of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamship Company's steamer *Kingfisher*, in bringing down so promptly the information regarding the riot at Canton, has been recognized in a tangible manner by the foreign community on Shanghai. To-day, we find the pleasure of seeing a handsome silver tea-set, which has just been presented to Captain Goggin. The present was accompanied by the following letter and signatures:—

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"Notes on the Dutch Occupation of Formosa," by Mr. G. Phillips, contains some interesting information, although much of it is second-hand. The Notices of New Books include a most scurorous and appreciative review of "The Divine Classic of Nan-Fei," and the Notes and Queries are as usually interesting."—*North-China Daily News*.

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Mr. E. H. Parker's "Short Journeys in Szechuan," are continued, and a goodly instalment of them travel in the interior of China is given. Mr. F. H. Balfour contributes a paper of some length entitled "The Emperor Chong, founder of the Chinese Empire," which will be read with genuine interest by students of Chinese history. A few short notices of New Books and a number of Notes and Queries, one of which—"On Chinese Oaths in Western, Burmese and Java," might appropriately have been placed under a separate heading, complete the number."—*H. K. Daily Press*.

"Treasurer's Oriental Record" confirms the following notice of the China Review.—The present publication, judging by the number now before us, is intended to occupy a position, as regards China and the neighbouring countries, somewhat similar to that which has been filled in India by the Calcutta Review. The great degree of attention that has been bestowed of late years upon the investigation of Chinese literature, antiquities, and social developments, to say nothing of linguistic studies, has led to the accumulation of important stores of information, rendering some such channel of publicity as is now provided extremely desirable; and contributions of much interest may fairly be looked for from the members of the foreign consular services, the Chinese Customs corps, and the missionary body, among whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is now assiduously cultivated, and who are severally represented in the first number of the Review by papers highly creditable to their respective authors.

Some translations from Chinese novels and plays are marked by both accuracy and freshness of style; and an account of the career of the Chinese poet-statesman of the eleventh century, Su Tung-po, by Mr. E. C. Bowra, is not only historically valuable, but is also distinguished by its literary grace. Beside notices of new books relating to China and the East, which will be a useful feature of the Review, if carried out with punctuality and detail, we are glad to notice that the "Notes" and "Queries" are destined to find a place in its pages also. It is to be hoped that this opening for contributions on Chinese subjects may evoke a similar degree of literary zeal to that which was displayed during the lifetime of its predecessor in the field, and that the China Review may receive the support necessary to insure its continuance.

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2. Invitations, &c., can generally be delivered within Victoria at the private houses of the addressee rather than at places of business, if I wish to that effect be expressed by the sender, otherwise all correspondence is invariably delivered at the nearest place of business.

3. Boxholders who desire to send Circulars, Dividend Warrants, Invitations, Cards, &c., of the same weight, to addresses in Hongkong, Bangkok, or the Ports of China, may deliver them to the Post Office un stamped, the postage being then charged to the sender's account. Each batch must consist of at least ten.

4. Boxholders may also send Patterns to the same places in the same way. Envelopes containing Patterns may be wholly enveloped, if the nature of the contents be first exhibited or stated to the Postmaster General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed Circulars may be inserted in such Pattern Packets.

PARCELS.—The public is reminded that there is no such thing as Parcel Post to Europe, &c. Much trouble and disappointment are caused by persistent attempts to send small valuable trifles through the Post. Fans, Curios, Articles of Dress, Fancy Work, and similar presents are continually being rejected, the senders having often spent more in Postage than would have paid the freight by steamer. No return can be made on such parcels of the value of Stamps obliterated before the nature of the contents was discovered.

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4. The public are cautioned not to confound these facilities with a *Parcel Post* to Europe, &c., which does not exist.

It is necessary that the following rules be strictly observed.

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Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *a*, near the Kowloon shore *b*, and those in the body of the Harbour or midway between each shore are marked *c*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

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2. From Gas Works to the P. & O. Co.'s Factory.

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5. From P. & O. Co.'s Office to Pedder's Wharf.

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